

REMARKS

The related applications section of the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error.

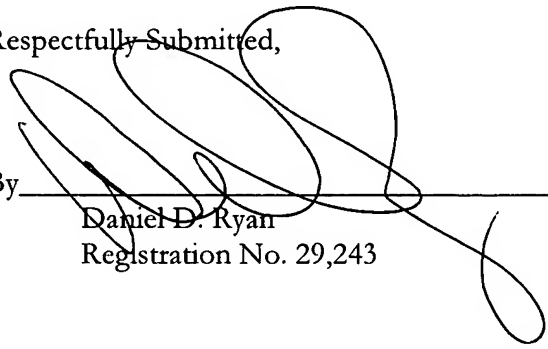
Original claims 1 to 49 have been canceled. New method claims 50 to 54 are presented.

Method claims 50 to 54 remain in the application. Among these, claim 50 is the single independent method claim.

In response to the requirement to elect a species, applicant elects (without traverse) the species of Figures 1 to 3 and the embodiment of Figures 22 to 26, which is directed to a sequence of steps for catheter-based percutaneous deployment of a heart implant from the right atrium, through the septum and into the left atrium, as defined in new method claims 50 to 54. Accordingly, applicant believes that new method claims 50 to 54 are readable on the elected species.

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